



## Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program

### Program Background:

The Department of Defense (DoD) manages nearly 25 million acres of land in the United States. These lands encompass many varied and unique natural and cultural resources. In 1990, Congress established the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy Program) to provide funding to help manage and sustain these resources. The National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law 104-201, Section 2694 of title 10 (NDAA) established the current Program mandate in fiscal year 1997. Under this mandate, the Legacy Program is tasked with funding natural and cultural resources projects that support military readiness, enhance conservation objectives, and help DoD fulfill the Legacy Program's three guiding principles of **stewardship**, **leadership**, and **partnership**.

### Goals and Objectives:

As part of DoD's Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment) (OASD(EI&E)), the Legacy Program is uniquely positioned to support projects that go beyond federal regulatory and statutory compliance requirements to protect and manage resources in ways that help ensure continued access to realistic habitat conditions and support combat readiness needs, while fulfilling stewardship responsibilities. DoD's natural and cultural resources are an important part of our Nation's heritage. The Legacy Program works to ensure that the military maintains these resources in trust for future generations.



*Soldier in native habitat at Fort Carson, CO*

### What Gets Funded:

The Legacy Program funds projects that address several Areas of Emphasis, including supporting readiness and range sustainment, addressing and adapting to new and emerging threats, ensuring efficiencies in cultural resources management, offering asset resiliency through historic preservation, and training and communication.



*Baby owl is measured at Langley AFB*

Activities and projects eligible for Legacy Program funding must meet the following four criteria, as mandated by the 1997 NDAA:

- have regional or DoD-wide significance and involve more than one Military Service;
- be necessary to meet legal requirements or to support military operations;
- be more effectively managed at the DoD level; and,
- not be an assigned responsibility of a Military Service.

### How The Funding Works:

The Legacy Program awards funds on a competitive basis to projects that directly benefit DoD's mission and stewardship objectives. The Legacy Program is NOT a grants program, and requires that recipients enter into a bi-lateral agreement with DoD's contracting office. Below is a step-by-step summary. For complete details, please see "Guidelines" under the "Info & Guidelines" tab on [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org).

### Step 1: Request for Proposals:

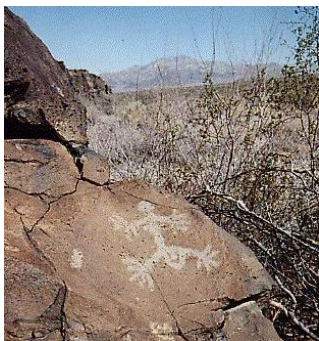
Each year the Legacy Program releases a Request for Proposals (RFP), which is posted on multiple sites, including [www.denix.osd.mil/nr/Legacy/rfp.cfm](http://www.denix.osd.mil/nr/Legacy/rfp.cfm). The RFP specifies the pre-proposal submission period and due dates, and describes funding parameters.

### Step 2: Creating an Account

Applicants must create a Legacy Program Tracker account before submitting a funding request. Creating an account is quick and easy: go to [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org), click on "Request New User Account," then complete and submit the form. In most cases, you will receive account information within one business day.

### Step 3: Submitting a Pre-Proposal:

If you have a project idea that meets the criteria outlined in the Areas of Emphasis and Guidelines, and fulfills a Military Service and/or DoD need, the next step is to log into the Tracker, click the *Pre-Proposal* tab on the left, select the “Add New” button, and complete the form. Once you click “submit” on the *Action & Review* tab, the pre-proposal process is complete. A committee of representatives from DoD, Military Service chains of command and, when needed, subject matter experts, will review and rank all concepts within the posted timeframe. Legacy Program staff will notify applicants if pre-proposals are approved or turned down. If approved, applicants are asked to submit a Full Proposal.



*Petroglyph,  
China Lake Naval Air  
Weapons Station, CA*

### Step 4: Submitting a Full Proposal:

To submit a Full Proposal, log into the Legacy Program Tracker, click on the *Proposals* tab on the left, complete the form that already contains the information you entered during the pre-proposal stage, and “submit” when finished. Because Legacy Program funding is awarded on an annual basis, each proposal must accomplish single-year objectives and provide specific, stand-alone deliverables at the end of the agreed upon project period. A project that does not result in individual products will not receive Legacy Program funding.

Once submitted, a committee of representatives from DoD, Military Service chains of command, and when needed, subject matter experts, will review and rank all submitted full proposals. Those proposals receiving the highest rankings are recommended for approval, pending the availability of funds. The Legacy Program notifies awardees by email through the Legacy Program Tracker.

### Step 5: Funding Award:

The Legacy Program awards funds each fiscal year contingent upon, and up to, the amount specified by annual appropriations from Congress. Funding availability determines the number of projects funded and how much funding is offered. Award notifications will be made only after the Legacy Program receives funding from Congress. All Legacy awards specify the agreed-upon project completion dates, periods of performance, and expected product delivery, as outlined in the proposal.

### Step 6: Performance and Expected Projects:

The project’s period of performance begins the day DoD’s contracting office signs the bi-lateral agreement with the awardee, and ends on the day specified by the “period of performance.” Awardees must submit interim reports every six months. Legacy Program staff will review interim and final reports, and will contact awardees should clarification or additional information be necessary. Award recipients must be familiar with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) financial requirements, as outlined in OMB circular A-133 or A-110, as applicable. Final project products are posted on the DoD Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Network and Information Exchange website ([www.denix.osd.mil](http://www.denix.osd.mil)).

### How the Legacy Program Helps:

The Legacy Program funds high priority national and regional natural and cultural resources efforts that address current military mission needs and go beyond regulatory and statutory compliance requirements. The Program directly benefits the military by helping to ensure that resources are managed in ways that help maintain access to suitable training areas while avoiding or minimizing mission restrictions. Funded projects may also benefit adjacent and partner efforts by working broadly and collaboratively as part of larger integrated conservation efforts. By working with federal, state, and non-governmental partners, the Legacy Program is able to fund projects in a timely and coordinated manner to benefit both military mission and stewardship objectives.



*Eastern regal fritillary butterfly  
Joe Hovis, Wildlife Manager  
Ft Indiantown Gap Training Center, PA*

### Staff Support:

For more information about the Legacy Resource Management Program, please visit [www.DoDLegacy.org](http://www.DoDLegacy.org) or email Legacy Staff at [DoDLegacy@bah.com](mailto:DoDLegacy@bah.com).